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1. TEXT IN REFTEL APPEARS TO BE USEFUL BASIS FOR
MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, IF SITUATION PERMITS
MODIFICATION, EITHER IN DRC OR DPC, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
TWO ADDITIONS.

2. THE FIRST IS ADDITION OF AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT
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EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE ON

RESOURCE LEVELS. WE SEE THE PURPOSE AS TWOFOLD:

A. SET A PROJECTED LEVEL OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AGAINST WHICH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES CAN PROPERLY SUBMIT FORCE PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED OUT (I.E., WOULD BE WITHIN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED).

B. PROVIDE A YARDSTICK AGAINST WHICH FINANCIAL EFFORT CAN BE MEASURED (NOTE: IS TEXT IN INTRODUCTORY PORTION OF PARA 2 INACCURATELY SPEAKS OF MEASURING THE DEFENSE EFFORT. COMPARISON OF DEFENSE EFFORT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SUCH ELEMENTS AS LENGTH OF

CONSCRIPT SERVICE, RESERVE OBLIGATIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR DRAWING ON CIVIL SECTOR FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS. COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL EFFORT MAY BE USEFUL IN COMPARING EQUITY OF BURDEN-SHARING; HOWEVER, AT BEST IT IS AN INPUT MEASUREMENT).

3. THE SECOND ADDITION WOULD BE CONCLUDING LANGUAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT IN THE PROJECTED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, NONE OF THE LISTED ALTERNATIVES OFFERS THE PROSPECT OF MORE THAN MARGINAL INCREASES IN EFFECTIVENESS WITHOUT STRICT PRIORITIES AND A MAJOR EFFORT FOR INCREASED

COOPERATION IN THE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES.

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